

Called Meeting of City Council
June 26th 1877

Council called to order at 6.30 P.M.
Mayor Deltress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered.

Alderman Cook, James, Larimore, Robinson
Mack, Taylor, Ward, and Hethers

Absent Alderman Brumond and Daffernburgh
Groom present

The Journal of the last meeting (June 21st), was read and approved

Petition of Mr. Garanough, B.B. Wilkins, R
yo Willing and others stating that the building
near the corner of Walnut and Pecan Streets was
used as an arsenal, which had for many months been
stored with powder and fixed ammunition to
the great danger of the lives of the people in the
neighborhood, and asking that it be abolished

On motion of Alderman Hethers the petition
was received

Alderman Mack moved that the petition be
referred to the City Marshal with instruction to
give the parties controlling the arsenal building
Ten days notice to remove all powder and other
ammunition from said building. Carried

Petition of John O'Neil and Brother for
authority to erect a certain kind of building on
Pecan Street

Alderman James withdrew the petition
Reports

The City Attorney to whom was referred the Bill of
Costs from County Court in case of John Dougherty
No. 1015 of Austin, returned the same with the
following endorsement

I am of the opinion that the written
claim is just and that it should be paid by
the City to the end that the sureties on the Cottiarini
Bond be relieved from responsibility

Geo. F. Pendleton

Act City Attorney

June 26th 1877

Alderman Robinson moved that the

report of the City Attorney be received and adopted and that the Bill of Costs be paid. Carried
The City Engineer submitted the following

Austin June 26th 1877

To the Hon Mayor and
Board of Aldermen of the
City of Austin
Gentlemen

In obedience to instructions from his
Hon the Mayor I have given attention to the following
matter complained of by citizens

The Central Railroad has a Stone Culvert
near the Round House and a wooden one near
the Freight Depot, through which a very consider-
able amount of water passes and contributes a large
share in forming a fence extending from Mason
Town to Waller Creek, inundating at times not
only the property of that company, but also that of
citizens, and inflicting great damage upon the bus-
iness and health of all that portion of the 10th Ward

I think the most practicable remedy for this would
be to close the stone culvert, conduct the water west
along the North side of the track, to the wooden culvert,
thence through thak. outlets to the lowest part of the
ground, thence west to Waller Creek. This much of
the work at least should be done by the Railroad
Company, as it affects the street occupied by their
road, and the natural drainage as indicated by
the lay of the ground lies through their own premises
most of the distance. The City could then easily connect
with this ditch from Mason town, thus completing the
drainage so necessary in that quarter.

I have also to report that it is the practice
of the Central Railroad Company to run their pas-
senger cars to within one Block of Congress Avenue
and wash out their water closets leaving the filth
upon the street.

I find that in the gutters of Congress Avenue
there are deposits of sand and mud at some points
after every rain this may be accounted for as follows
Uniform grades were once adopted from Mesquit to
Hickory Street, from Hickory to Pine Street, and
from Pine nearly to Water Street, and had these
grades been maintained in the construction of side

walls and gutters there would have been no difficulty in regard to drainage. But because the grade line of the pavement would necessarily have passed a little above some of the door sills, the owners of buildings thus affected remonstrated against it, and I was instructed by the Mayor to arrange the grade for each Block so as not to interfere with any of the door sills. This compelled a break in the grade at certain points, checked the flow of water in the gutters and hence the deposits, while there can now be no complete remedy for this except by a return to the original grades. The evil may be corrected in a great measure by laying a course of broad flagging in the gutters so that the inner or lower edge shall rest against the curbing, and the outer edge be raised so as to correspond with the shape of the street, this would have the effect of throwing the water and washings upon a smooth surface causing the whole to pass off more rapidly, and could be more easily kept clean. The same plan would apply as well to Pecan Street, the present cobble stone paving in the gutters would answer except that portion next to the curbing which would have to be removed to give place to the flagging. There are fountains in the side walls as well as in the gutters of Pecan Street that have never been passed up to, and consequently offensive matter is continually accumulating, much to the annoyance of the public and the detriment of trade.

I have to report the wooden bridge across Haller Creek on Cedar Street as being in a dangerous condition. Also the small stone bridge on east Pecan Street.

The one at the intersection of Mulberry and Cedar Streets remains in an unfinished state, requiring only a covering of plank to render it serviceable. Many of the streets are in bad condition and need working up.

Very Respectfully
John A. Gordon

HD Anderson
City Engineer

On Motion of Alderman Taylor the report of the City Engineer was received and referred to the Fire Committee.

The Chairman of the Fire Committee stated that in compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of Council the Fire Committee had met with the Officers of the Fire Dept and had been informed by

that that the Fire Deptt could not join in any
parade but would be willing to participate in a
picnic if invited

on motion the report was received
The Committee on Streets submitted the following
report

Austin Texas

June 26th 1877

To the

Honorable Mayor and City Council

Your Committee to whom was referred the
petitions of Colard Roberts have the honor to make
the following report. That the Mayor is hereby autho-
rized to enter into contract with the said Colard
Roberts for 75 feet of the River front for the term of
25 years. They paying the sum of \$25⁰⁰ in U.S. currency
quarterly rental for advance for each and every quarter
as it may become due and payable and that the
said Colard Roberts shall commence the next thirty
days begin their work on the same

J H Robinson

C A Taylor

D Q James

Alderman Cook moved that the report of
the Street Committee be received and adopted, and
that the Mayor be authorized and instructed to lease the
ground of station for, for Tanning purposes in accordance with
the terms recommended by the Committee. Carried

By Alderman Minton. Be it resolved by
the City Council of the City of Austin. That the
Mayor of the City of Austin be and he is hereby author-
ized and directed to appoint an additional police
officer whose duties shall be to act as Market Master
and Health ^{Inspector} officer, and whose salary shall be Fifty
dollars per month. Resolved further that the said
officer shall enter into bond with good securities payable
to the City of Austin for the faithful discharge of his
duties in the sum of one thousand dollars con-
ditional that he will faithfully discharge his du-
ties in accordance with the ordinances of the City
now in force or that may hereafter be enacted

Alderman James moved that the Reso-
lution be adopted

The Mayor and City ordered and the

Resolution was adopted by the following vote

Yea's Alderman James, Mass. Ward and Hethers
Nays Alderman Cook, Larmon, Robinson and
Taylor.

The Vote being a tie the Mayor cast his vote in the
affirmative

Alderman Taylor moved that a special Committee
of three be appointed to prepare an ordinance defining
the duties of the Market Master and Health officer and
present the same at next meeting of Council

The Yea's and Nays ordered and the motion
Carried by the following vote

Yea's Alderman Cook, Larmon, Robinson, Taylor
and Ward

Nays Alderman James, Mass and Hethers

The Mayor appointed Alderman Taylor, Mass and
Hethers on the Committee

On motion of Alderman Taylor the Mayor was
added to the Committee

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By Ordinance to Committee, An ordinance appro-
priating the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars to
C. D. Anderson, City Engineer for back salary for nine
months from the first day of October 1876 to the
first day of July 1877

The Ordinance was read and passed to its second
reading

Alderman Hethers moved to suspend the rules and
put the ordinance on its second reading

The Yea's and Nays ordered and the motion
to suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yea's Alderman Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson,
Mass Taylor, Ward and Hethers, Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time and
passed to its third reading

Alderman Robinson moved to further suspend
the rules and put the ordinance on its third read-
ing

The Yea's and Nays ordered and the motion
to further suspend the rules, passed by the following
vote

Yea's Alderman Cook, James, Larmon,
Robinson, Mass, Taylor, Ward and Hethers
Nays None

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Robinson moved that the ordinance do pass

The Yea and Nays ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote

Yea Alderman Cook, James, Larmon
Robinson, Haas, Taylor, Ward and Witten

Nays None

By Ordinance Committee, ~~An Engineer Committee~~
An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of the City Engineer

The ordinance was read and passed to its second reading

Alderman Robinson moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its second reading.

The Yea and Nays ordered and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson
Haas, Taylor, Ward and Witten Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time and passed to its third reading

Alderman Cook moved to further suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its third reading

The Yea and Nays ordered and the motion to further suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson
Haas, Taylor, Ward and Witten Nays None

The ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Cook moved that the ordinance do pass

The Yea and Nays ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote

Yea Alderman Cook, James, Larmon,
Robinson, Haas, Taylor, Ward and Witten
Nays None

By Alderman Haas, Resolved that the City Marshal be instructed to request the agent of the S. Central R. R. Co. to have such information made as recommended by the City Engineer in his report Carried

Carried

Amended and approved

July 1st 1877

John F. Hobbs
City Clerk